

**Deceivers, Despiser's, and Disciples** (Mark 14:43-52)

**Proposition:** Every one of us should take heed to the characters that surround the Lord Jesus that night and search our heart to know where we might be found.

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## Deceiver, Dispersers & Disciples (MK 14:43-52)

The best description of the night on which the events of our text occurred is found in John 13:30 and it was night. What a dark night it was as Jesus stood at the water's edge of the baptism of suffering and shame of his atoning death on the Cross of Calvary. He is being surrounded by the raving lions that gaped upon Him and the strong bulls that besiege him (Ps 22). Never a night was so black to match the darkness of sin in the heart of men: The

betrayal of his close companion, the arrest by his bitterest of enemies, the abandonment of his wavering disciple. Yet out of the darkness of this scene lessons and cautions can be gleaned out to strengthen the heart of each follower of Jesus Christ. Everyone of us should take heed to the characters that surround the Lord Jesus that night and search our heart to know where we might have might be found.

I. Jesus and the Deceiver. Both Luke (22:3) & John (13:27) indicate that Judas the preacher, the apostle, the healer, the miracle worker was possessed of Satan!



Here we have actions of apostates and sinners.

A. The Deceiver's Past - This betrayer was one of the twelve. Nearer to the Kingdom of God you could not be. Closer to the light one can not get. And yet w/o discussion turned to betray Christ. Lucifer the shining one of heaven, fallen from heights of glory. Not only fallen away but aggressively setting out to destroy Jesus. You better thank God

B. The Deceiver's Plan - Although Jesus could have been easily spotted in the day, the darkness of night would have made it difficult for the outside acquaintance to recognize Jesus. Judas had a plot a plan, a way in which he thinks he will wreak the most havoc, the most damage. God has a way of turning it for Good. Let's look at

C. The Deceiver's Playacting - V54 notice the token or signal was a kiss. The word kiss is a regular ordinary oriental kiss greeting. But V55. The kiss given was a "an affectionate fervent kiss. Teacher! Teacher! What a smile what a look of affection! If you were to see it you would say, he loves the Lord so much! And yet all the while a lie! I have

II. Jesus and the Despisers - Judas led what was called a great multitude. The language indicates a group of close to 600 people came to arrest Jesus!

1) ...thank God for every thorn in the flesh that troubles you! You better thank God for what ever keeps you humble, cleaving to God, crying out in dependence! Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

2) ...look at one another not with suspicion (I'll be he'll be the one to betray. They won't last long.) but in prayer holding one another up before the throne of God!

3) ...I have shared pulpits with those that have showed such a passion and love for God that I said to my self, "I wish I loved God like that." Only to find that is was a facade! Just playacting! I have known those that have stood on stage before the body of Christ and sang of the great blessings of God only to betray him with that kiss of praise in a matter of a week! Oh God purge our heart of hypocrisy! It is a roadway to hell!

1) ...they seem overwhelming. But remember! 1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. Gospel of John tells us that with the word: I am He these 600 fell to the ground!

2) Mark 3:6 And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him. Matthew 12:14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. Luke 6:11 And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus. Luke 20:19 And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them. Luke 22:2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. John 11:53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

3) ...and preaches repentance, reformation, and a holy life, and directs men's thoughts, and affections, and aims, to another world, they set themselves against him, and, without giving the credentials he produces an impartial examination, resolve to run him down.

4) ...his hands on the blind the hought the sick and healed. They laid their sinful hands on him to destroy and do evil to him!



These sent from chief priests + scribes + elders. <sup>Despisers</sup>

A. The Display of Despisers - The most aggressive since we ever saw the Lord was in Temple w/ a scourge made of cords. 600 men? Swords and clubs against the 12 disciples. This was a display of guilt.

A display of Power. When the word came into the true identity of Christ, they seem never to have

B. The Desire of Despisers - Those that were behind the hand. Chief priests + the scribes + elders. The established religious hierarchy. They always hated him. Mk 3:6; Mt 12:14; Luke 6:11. Matt Henry: Because "He appears not as a temporal prince, but sets up a spiritual Kingdom and preaches

C. The Deceit of Despisers - What did they use to seemingly take down Christ. A supposed disciple. One that claimed to be his follower. The world still uses the tactic of so-called followers that apostatize. Vs 46 "Laid their hands" He laid his hands on the

D. The Deceit of Despisers - (Vs 48-49) They could have easily taken him in the temple and in the light of day and yet they could not for fear of the people. But the light of Truth would have revealed their evil. World tries every side way <sup>destructive</sup> it can to

III. Jesus and the Disciple - I hope that you notice the Deceiver is Satan the Despiser is the World. The Disciple needs to be aware of the flesh. That ahead



covers it don't it. Notice the failure of  
A. Unprepared Disciples (43-43a, 51-53) In  
verse 41 we found them asleep (again) Jesus  
tells them to sleep. Then Rise up! Vs 43  
"immediately" I am at my most vulnerable  
in the first moments after I wake. Vs 50-51  
Many questions Probably John Mark wakes  
by the ground, thrown cloth. Unprepared.

1 Peter 5:8 & psalms 6:11 Rom 13:14

B. Unadvised Disciples (47) - Peter a  
fisherman not a soldier takes a sword  
at one of the servants trying to take off a  
head he takes off an ear. Other gospels  
tell us Jesus healed both their feet & crosses.  
Jesus told pilot John 18:36. This action  
although it was an expression of Peter's love  
was not commanded of Jesus. Let us not be unadvised

C. Unfaithful Disciple (50) - And they  
forsake him. The words so plain.  
There have been so many times when I  
have been faced with an enemy or a tempter  
that I thought to great to overcome that  
I had have fled into the darkness!  
Guard your heart know that he alone  
had the power to lay down his life and power

IV. Close - I was talking on the phone  
to preacher friend, trying to put all this  
together. He said "it matters little how  
you start but how you finish is what's import

- 1) 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.
- 2) John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.
- 3) ...not be unadvised: John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.